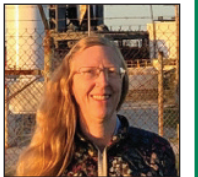




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## Bowers Briefs City Council On Staffing, Crime, Drugs

by Diane Oberg

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Though vacancies remain on the police force, Police Chief Richard Bowers is putting together strategies for hiring new police officers. And though violent crime is down, opportunistic theft of items out of unlocked cars is up. These and other issues were discussed when council met, on Monday, December 3, in a worksession with Bowers to discuss police operations and current issues facing the city and the department. Bowers reported on staffing concerns, crime and drugs in the area.

### Staffing

Bowers reported that staffing remains a concern despite the hiring of several officers. There



Police Chief Richard (Rick) Bowers

are still 10 vacancies plus two officers on light duty. In addition, there are 10 officers who are currently eligible to retire and others who are considering leaving.

The city's main competitors for officers are county govern-

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ments, particularly Anne Arundel and Howard Counties. Anne Arundel, he reported, is offering a \$20,000 bonus to experienced officers joining their force. Bowers said that among municipal police forces, Greenbelt has a very competitive package of benefits so it rarely loses an officer to another town or city.

The high level of vacancies also makes it more difficult to retain officers who want assignments to specialized units but cannot be spared from their current positions. This creates frustration among the officers who are denied reassignment, leading them to seek opportunity with a larger police force.

In addition to reaching the force's authorized strength of 53

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## Co-op's Solar Vision Reduces Costs and Carbon Footprint

by Cathie Meetre

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Up on the roof of the Co-op Supermarket, the picture is bleak. The flat, membrane-covered roof is past its end-of-life and rainwater frequently leaks into the store and offices. But the very same rainclouds that beset the Co-op have a silver lining and the now-

urgent need for a new roof has become the catalyst for a sparkling new solar power system. The Co-op is planning this bold new initiative for 2019. With this one-two punch of roof and array, the Co-op simultaneously strikes a blow for renewable energy and improves its bottom line.

The main roof, almost ideally aligned for solar, is approximately 19,000 square feet and will

hold about 15,000 square feet of industrial-class solar voltaic panels. This translates to about 264kW of generating capacity and a 25 percent reduction in the cost of the Co-op's electricity bill.

The challenge for the Co-op is how to afford the array and the new roof under it. There is no choice about replacing the roof (\$200k) but the solar installation (\$500k) is both the big-ticket item and the element with the potential to pay for itself twice over in electricity savings. If electricity prices were to escalate at the four percent level of the last decade, power savings would exceed \$1.5M over 25 years.

The Co-op has also considered the alternative of a solar power purchase agreement (PPA). Although the cost for the array would then be zero, the savings on electricity would be much lower and the positive impact on the Co-op's bottom line much smaller. After considering the alternatives, the board decided unanimously to move forward on

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## City Hires New Economic Development Coordinator

On Thursday, November 29, City Manager Nicole Ard announced the appointment of Charise Liggins as Greenbelt's first economic development coordinator. Liggins will serve as an ombudsman for businesses and help establish the city's first economic development program.

Prior to serving as a contractor with the University of Maryland Extension Service, Liggins worked for the State of New York's Economic Development Corporation and New York City's Department of Small Business Services. She fostered relationships with stakeholders and submitted grants for infrastructure improvements, business expansion, community beautification and revitalization. She oversaw business education targeted to entrepreneurs. She has also served as a freelance professional working on marketing, sustainable development, health equity,



Charise Liggins

education and youth development initiatives.

According to Ard, "Businesses rave about City of Greenbelt staff's ease to work with. Charise will complement that service as a strong advocate and ombudsman who will work with other governments and

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### What Goes On

**Monday, December 17**  
3:30 to 4:30 p.m., Greenbelt Youth Advisory Committee Youth Forum, ERHS Room 130. Open to current ERHS students

**Wednesday, December 19**  
8 p.m., Council Worksession with Franklin Park Management, Community Center



PHOTO BY BEVERLY PALAU

The upcoming dance production of Alice in Wonderland at the Community Center includes almost 50 young dancers. See story on page 12.

## Some Unanswered Questions At WMATA Trail Meeting

by James Giese

It's about an eighth of a mile between the new housing in the South Core of the Greenbelt Station development in Greenbelt West and the Metro Station, according to Mayor Emmett Jordan. The new Greenbelt Station residents expected to be able to walk to the station or drive directly there. But that was dependent upon the development of the North Core at the station parking lot and the construction of the connector road, Greenbelt Station Parkway, from its dead end in the South Core to the Beltway. No active proposal is pending to develop the North Core following the federal government's decision not to relocate the FBI headquarters there.

A temporary solution for connecting the South Core to the station is to build a temporary walk. The Greenbelt City Council became more acutely aware of the difficulties in achieving this solution at its November 5 worksession with a representative of the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) and representatives of Woodlawn Development Group, developers of the South Core.

The city was presented with a

timeline prepared by the development's engineers, Dewberry Engineers, which extended through August 2020. Councilmember Judith Davis noted that this timeline was only related to obtaining permits from 15 separate agencies and did not include additional time for construction. With that, the project would likely take well over two years to complete.

Although previously known, the second document was a project cost estimate totaling \$1,925,000 with many of the costs being rough estimates. Woodlawn Development has made a \$517,000 commitment to fund the building of this temporary trail based on an agreement reached at the time of development approval with the city. Council has budgeted another \$500,000 for the walk. Councilmember Rodney Roberts expressed concern over the half-million-dollar shortfall for funding the entire project, but no solution to that problem was proposed.

According to Nooshin Amirpour, P.E., land development manager, Woodlawn Development Group, there are now over 500

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PHOTO BY AMY HANSEN

Christmas reindeer light up a lawn on Olivewood Court.





## Holiday Deadlines, Schedule Changes



### Holiday Deadlines

Last issue before Christmas (dated Thursday, December 20) – Regular Advertising and Copy Deadline: Tuesday, December 18  
Christmas Week Issue (dated Thursday, December 27) – Advertising and Copy Deadline: Sunday, December 23  
New Year’s Week Issue (dated Thursday, January 3) – Advertising and Copy Deadline: Sunday, December 30

### Holiday Office Hours:

Sunday, December 23 – 2 to 4 p.m., 6 to 8 p.m.  
(Monday, December 24 through Saturday, December 29 – Closed)  
Sunday, December 30 – 2 to 4 p.m., 6 to 8 p.m.  
(Monday, December 31 through Sunday, January 6 – Closed)

All articles, photos, announcements and advertisements must be received no later than Sunday at 8 p.m., sooner if possible. Note that no additional material for these issues will be accepted after the stated deadlines.

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*Happy holidays to all!*

# Letters to the Editor

## Indian Springs Relics

The November 29 issue had a nice article by Elena Macias about Native American presence along Indian Creek prior to English colonialization. However, in it she says that there have “not been a lot of Native American artifacts discovered in Greenbelt itself.” It is true that since the 1960s there have been little or no findings of Native American relics. But back in the 1930s and 40s, I am told that relics were to be found at Indian Springs within the city. I do not recall hearing of any archeological digs there and perhaps if that should happen, more could be found.

Indian Springs and the adjacent historic Walker family burial ground are located on a small parcel of city parkland at the northern end of the Golden Triangle office park. That land was originally a part of the parkland around Greenbelt Lake but was separated by the construction of the Capital Beltway. The springs, which still flow, were reported to be a gathering place for Native Americans. That is logical, since the springs would have been a good source of fresh water.

While there may be some written documentation of this (if so, it should be in the Tugwell Room of the Greenbelt Library), my primary source of information is what was told to me by Albert “Buddy” Attick, who grew up on a farm close to the springs, worked on the construction of Greenbelt, became one of its first employees as a police officer and retired after 40 years as director of Public Works. He told me of the finding of arrowheads there.

When first built, the old Greenbelt Middle School on Edmonston Road was the city’s high school. Students had to walk along from the city’s homes to the school woodland path that wended its way past the springs. The springs became a rendezvous area which Buddy regularly patrolled on horseback.

*James Giese*

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### On Screen

## Moving Movies

Three more new movies come to Old Greenbelt Theatre this Friday, December 14: Roma, The Christmas Story and In Search of Haydn.

Old Greenbelt Theatre is one of only 600 theaters to be a part of the limited release showing of **Roma** which was written and directed by Alfonso Cuarón. The very personal project of Cuarón stars Yalitza Aparicio, as Cleo, a young domestic worker for a middle-class family in the Roma neighborhood of Mexico City. The story draws on the childhood experiences of Cuarón and pays homage to the women who raised him. Cuarón, who was called “a world-class filmmaker” by Rolling Stone, also directed Gravity.

R rated, 1 hour 35 min (Spanish with English subtitles)

Many children of the 80’s will remember the haunting phase in this holiday comedic classic “You’ll shoot your eye out!” **The Christmas Story** is narrated by the adult version of a 9-year-old boy named Ralphie who wants an official Red Ryder BB gun for Christmas and is taunted over and over that he never will, even by Santa. The film, set in the 50’s, provides a humorous view into the sometimes difficult world of childhood.

PG rated, 94 minutes


Phil Grabsky’s documentary on the life and works of the classical composer **Haydn** entrances the eyes as well as the ears with performances by world-famous musicians balanced harmoniously with biographical insights on both his work and personal challenges. On Sunday following the showing Matthew Franke, a musical historian from Howard University, will speak to the audience. Franke has a Ph.D. in musicology and has presented his research around the world.

1 hours, 42 minutes Not Rated

*- Jill Connor*

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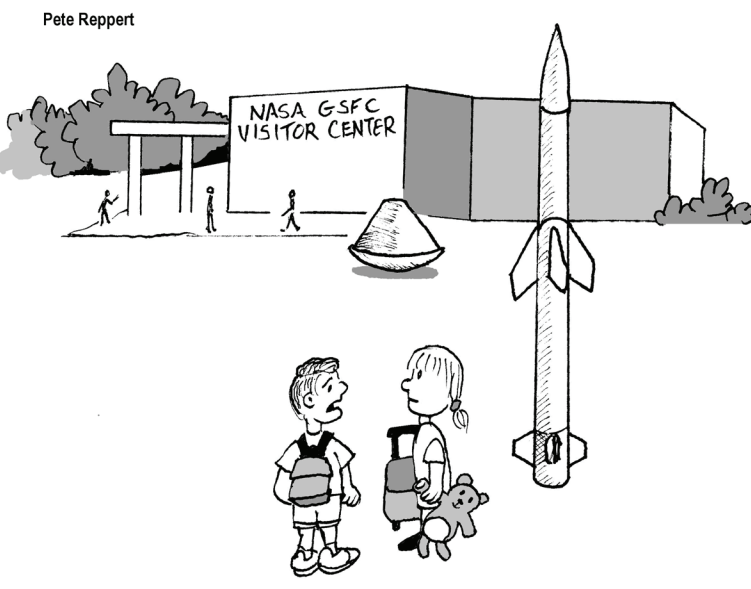
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Pete Reppert



NO, I DIDN'T BRING ROCKET FUEL EITHER.

## Send Your Holiday Greetings

The News Review will publish Holiday Greetings in the December 20 issue of this paper.

The ad desk is open on Mondays 2 to 4 p.m. and Tuesdays 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m.

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# Community Events

## Free Community Art Drop-in on January 6

The Greenbelt Recreation Arts Program welcomes visitors of all ages to a community art drop-in on Sunday, January 6 from 1 to 3 p.m. Admission is free and reservations are not required. The event takes place at the Community Center.

Kathy Karlson, an artist in residence at the Community Center, will lead a painting party. Paint clouds, trees, waves and other forms according to your own inspiration using drawing and color wash techniques. All materials will be provided.

While there, visitors may see the current art gallery exhibit, *The View Within and Without: Painting and Collage* by Sylvie van Helden. The show features selections from two series. Van Helden's "Hashtag Mandala" paintings each bring together 12 Instagram users' images culled through exhaustive hashtag searches of words with spiritual connotations. The *Legend of the Koi* is based on an ancient Chinese tale about perseverance that guided a personal journey through grief.

Also check out the Museum's current exhibit at the Community Center, *The Knowing Hands That Carve This Stone: The New Deal Art of Lenore Thomas Straus*. Straus is best known locally as the creator of the iconic Mother and Child statue in Roosevelt Center and the impressive bas-reliefs on the façade of the Community Center. From 1 to 5 p.m. enjoy a guided tour of the Museum's historic house across the street at 10-B Crescent Road for a small admission fee.

For more information about City of Greenbelt art programs, visit [greenbeltmd.gov/arts](http://greenbeltmd.gov/arts) or call 301-397-2208. Arts programs are sponsored in part by the Maryland State Arts Council.



Painting by drop-in art workshop leader Kathy Karlson

## Kiwanis Meets On Thursdays

Kiwanis Club of Prince George's County has moved to Greenbelt. The club now meets every Thursday at 7 p.m. at the American Legion, Post 136, 6900 Greenbelt Road. Call Ron Lovicki 262-344-2567 for more information.



## Menu for Senior Nutrition Program

The Senior Nutrition Food and Friendship program provides lunches for seniors Monday through Friday at the Community Center beginning at noon. Meals must be reserved by 11 a.m. two days ahead so that enough food is ordered. Call 301-397-2208 ext. 4215.

All meals, which provide at least one-third of Recommended Dietary Allowances for older adults, include margarine, coffee or tea and skim milk. Menus for the week of December 17 are as follows:

Monday, December 17: fiesta chicken, cilantro lime rice, Mexican vegetables, wheat bread, mandarin oranges, apple juice.

Tuesday, December 18: potato-crusted fish, garlic whipped potatoes, glazed carrot, dinner roll, tropical fruit, grape juice.

Wednesday, December 19: beef chili with beans, brown rice, broccoli, saltines, spiced apples, orange juice.

Thursday, December 20: BBQ pork riblet, baked beans, coleslaw, wheat bun, peach crisp, apple juice.

Friday, December 21: chicken Kiev, sweet potato casserole, collard greens, wheat roll, ambrosia and apple pie, cranberry juice.

## Photos at New Deal With Santa Paws

On Saturday, December 15, 1 to 3 p.m., WAGS (The Wellwishers of the Animals of the Greenbelt Shelter) will present *Photos with Santa Paws* on the patio at the New Deal Café. All social, friendly, leashed pets are welcome. Pets must be leashed at all times and are not permitted into the Café.



## Democratic Club Meets December 14

On Friday, December 14 at 7:30 p.m., the Eleanor & Franklin Roosevelt Democratic Club's holiday party featuring the installation of the new board of directors will be held at the Greenbriar Community Building. Recently elected Prince George's County State's Attorney Aisha Braveboy will swear in the board.

Nicole Williams was re-elected to serve as president. Katy Pape, Joyce Fitzgerald, Matt Inzeo and Konrad Herling were elected vice presidents. Austin Henry will continue to serve as treasurer, and Bob Doyle will be in charge of the club's membership. Ryan Bradley will serve as corresponding secretary, but remaining open is the position of recording secretary. Pat Wiersky will serve as sergeant-at-arms, and Sara Henry, Lyn Doyle and Daryl Pennington will serve on the hospitality committee.

The social gathering will take place after the business meeting has been adjourned. Members and guests are asked to bring food and non-alcoholic drinks or to make a contribution to support the costs incurred to pay for refreshments.

For more information, call Nicole Williams at 202-321-4207 or check the club's web page: [rooseveltclub.com](http://rooseveltclub.com).

## Thoughtful Discussion At MakerSpace

Is a new beginning possible? With the New Year approaching and resolutions being made, the thoughtful discussion group that meets at the MakerSpace will explore whether those resolutions are doomed to failure or, if people can really start afresh as individuals, as a community, as society. Those interested in discussing this topic should come by at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, December 18.

## Greenbelt Unplugged Holiday Caroling

Greenbelt Unplugged presents holiday caroling on Sunday, December 16, from 3 to 5 p.m.

Come join the Unplugged Singers (Unsung Pluggers?) to sing some carols together, and then share the spirit. We will meet at the Greenbelt Youth Center Multi-purpose Room at 3 p.m., practice for an hour, and go from there to Roosevelt Center (exact location is weather dependent).

The event will be lead by local musician and teacher Melissa Sites. For more information visit [greenbeltunplugged.org](http://greenbeltunplugged.org).

## Reel and Meal Film About Undocumented

On Monday, December 17, the Reel and Meal event will feature *The Unafraid*, a prize-winning documentary that explores what it's like to be undocumented in the U.S. This free program begins at 7 p.m. at the New Deal Café, following an optional (with fee) buffet served at 6:30 p.m. A discussion will follow, led by Trent Leon-Lierman, regional organizer of CASA de Maryland, Hena Zuberi, editor-in-chief for Muslim Matters, and a local DACA immigrant.

Reel and Meal is a monthly series sponsored by Beaverdam Creek Watershed Watch Group, Prince George's County Peace and Justice Coalition, Green Vegan Networking and Utopia Film Festival. For more about this month's program contact Donna Hoffmeister at 301-441-9377 or [donna.hoffmeister@verizon.net](mailto:donna.hoffmeister@verizon.net). For more on the film see [theunafraidfilm.com](http://theunafraidfilm.com). See also [newdealcafe.com](http://newdealcafe.com).

## Star Party to View Comet-46P/Wirtanen

The Astronomical Society of Greenbelt will host its last star party of the year, free and open to the public, on Saturday evening December 15 at the City Observatory located at Northway Fields. Comet 46P/Wirtanen will be high in the sky, making its brightest close approach to Earth for the next 20 years. Attendees may also expect to see the Moon, Mars and deep sky objects such as galaxies, nebulae and star clusters, viewed through the observatory telescope and astronomical camera. As always, visitors are welcome to set up their own telescopes on the hill.

Observing will begin at around 6 p.m. and continue for two hours. Attendees are asked to park in the ballfield lot, not up on the hill, unless bringing a telescope. The star party will be canceled without notice if it is hopelessly cloudy.



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# Obituaries

## Jacquelyn Sanders

Jacquelyn “Jackie” Jestine Sanders, 72, of New Carrollton, died on November 23, 2018. Ms. Sanders was born in 1945 in Washington, D.C., and graduated high school in Georgetown. She was married in Hyattsville on August 31, 1973, to Denver “Sandy” Paul Sanders who survives along with daughters Deborah C. (Wayne) Melton, Kimberly Lynn (Scott) Brierley and Eileen (EJ) Gardner, sons Nicholas James Coman and Kenneth Dale Coman and sister Caral Maxine (Butch) Bishop. She was known far and wide in the area and was loved by everyone who knew her.

Mrs. Sanders owned several small businesses, starting with a carpet shop in Bladensburg in her early years and more recently a cleaning service which she ad-

vertised in the News Review for many years.

Mrs. Sanders contributed to countless charities with her money and talents. She was a volunteer at Doctors Community Hospital for 25 years, working the front desk for long hours and helping with many fundraising events. She enjoyed crocheting, making hundreds of hats and blankets for World Mission for children overseas and for breast cancer patients at Doctors Hospital. Mrs. Sanders served as president for the Carroll Brier Homemakers and was an active member of the Trinity Moravian Church.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Jacquelyn Sanders Foundation, 6304 85th Place, New Carrollton, MD 20784.



Condolences to the family, friends and neighbors of Robert Beers, 90, who died on Saturday, November 24. A long-time resident of Greenbelt, residing on Northway, he was an attorney for the U.S. Government Patent and Trademark Office and served in both the Army and Navy according to Hank Irving, former Greenbelt Recreation director and neighbor. Beers was in the process of moving to Collington Life Care Community in Mitchellville. He will be buried alongside his wife, Betty, who predeceased him, in Mantua, Ohio.

Condolences also to the family and friends of Jacquelyn Sanders who died on November 23. Although not a resident of Greenbelt, she advertised her cleaning service in the News Review and likely cleaned many Greenbelt homes over the years.

Congratulations to Kyla Hanington, a reporter for this newspaper, who was recently initiated

into the Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi, the nations’ oldest and most selective all-discipline collegiate honor society. Hanington was initiated at Mississippi University for Women.

Congratulations to Leeann Irwin, of Shiatsu for Health, who celebrated 20 years in service, promoting health and wellness. She received a citation from the mayor and city council of Annapolis as well as the Montgomery County Council.

Share your accomplishments, milestones and news in the Our Neighbors column. Send details of your news items to editor@greenbeltnewsreview.com.



# Golden Age Club Members Learn About Early History

by Kathleen McFarland

On November 14 the Greenbelt Museum’s education and volunteer coordinator, Sheila Maffay-Tuthill, entertained Golden Age Club members with a talk about the history of Greenbelt as a planned community. Greenbelt was originally laid out in blocks, all within walking distance of the school and the town center with grocery store, shoe repair and even a swimming pool and theater. Maffay-Tuthill told of the many published interviews of families chosen as first residents and how grateful they were to find affordable homes in this new community, built and managed with children in mind. Many of the club members are fairly new city residents and were hearing these stories for the first time.

Maffay-Tuthill related how the museum house at 10-B Crescent Road was dedicated at the city’s 50th anniversary in 1987, showing how the original families lived, and explained that the houses represented everything clean and new in 1937 (with electric stove and the latest in kitchen appliances). She said the museum is accepting donations of artifacts from the 1930s and went

into her box of newly acquired things to pull out some items from that time period: a woman’s apron, a sewing kit, and even some Christmas stockings. When the new expansion of the museum is completed, there will be space for many more workshops and educational activities which are now in the planning stages.

Maffay-Tuthill had handouts of walking tours that museum docents lead for visitors, remarking that there is an ongoing need for new docents and other volunteers. There were many questions after her talk was over and much interest in docent opportunities. In fact, two club members already have answered that call: Donna Peterson and Judy Parker. Another club member, Elisabeth Kevorkian, invited members to join her as a volunteer working on the Greenbelt News Review digitizing project.

The Golden Age Club meets every Wednesday at the Community Center. The second Wednesday of each month is reserved for speakers or special programs. New members are always welcome; any Greenbelt resident 60 years of age or older is eligible.

## Christmas Cantata

On Friday, December 14 at 7 p.m., Mowatt Memorial United Methodist Church, 40 Ridge Road, will present their annual Christmas cantata, God Came Near: The Miracle and Majesty of Christmas by Tom Fettke and Max Lucado. An age-old story told in modern cadence, it will be an evening to be enjoyed by family and friends. Light refreshments will be offered following the program. There is no fee. Call the church at 301-474-9410 for more information.

## City Notes

The Festival of Lights continued with Santa’s visit to the Youth Center where he found refreshments, activities and an Elves Workshop for creating gifts, decorations and treats.

Mom’s Morning Out activities included making decorations and visiting a “holiday store” for lessons about money and shopping.

Public Works crews removed two dead deer from Greenbelt East and repaired the guard rail on the underpass near the library, which was damaged when a car drove through it.

Refuse/Recycling crews collected 28.43 tons of refuse and 12.95 tons of recyclable materials.

Therapeutic Recreation reports that 20 seniors went to Toby’s Dinner Theater and enjoyed The Little Mermaid.

## Obituaries

The News Review publishes obituaries of Greenbelt residents, past or present.

You write it or we will if you prefer. We try to include information about participation in various activities and organizations, where the person lived and something about the family. A photograph and service information should be included. There is no charge.

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December 16 10 a.m.  
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This year’s annual Holiday Choir Service features not only our adult choir, but the childrens choir, chalice dancers, Erika Thimey dancers and instrumental and vocal soloists. Represented will be composers Michael Gilbertson, Eric Whitacre, Lloyd Pfausch, Rick and Sylvia Powell, Ruth Morris Gray and Adolphe Adam.

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Wednesday meeting 7:30 p.m.





At the Library

All Prince George’s County Memorial Library System (PGC-MLS) branches will be closed from Sunday, December 23 through Tuesday, December 25 for the Christmas holiday. The Greenbelt branch library will reopen on Wednesday, December 26 at 10 a.m.

Teen Advisory Board. Monday, December 17, 4 p.m., ages 13 to 18, limit 15 participants. Volunteer and work together to make the library a better place for teens by talking about books, music and movies and suggesting things to add to the collection. Registration required; contact the branch either in person or by calling 301-345-5800. PGCPs student participants may earn Service Learning hours. (TAB meets weekly on Monday afternoons.)

Monthly Storytime. Monday, December 17, Books at Bedtime, presented by the Prince George’s County Infants and Toddlers Program, 6:30 p.m., for newborn to age 3, limit 20 people. This is an opportunity for young children, especially those with special needs, along with their family and friends, to participate in story time, music and motor activities. Stop by the information desk to pick up free tickets on the day of the event. (This special storytime will continue monthly through Monday, May 20.)

Weekly Ready 2 Read Storytimes Tuesday, December 18, ages 3 to 5, 7 p.m., limit 30 people. Wednesday, December 19, newborn to age 2, 10:15 a.m., limit 15 babies with parent(s)/caregiver(s); ages 2 to 3, 11:15 a.m., limit 30 people. Thursday, December 20, newborn to age 2, 10:15 and 11:15 a.m., limit 15 babies with parent(s)/caregiver(s); ages 2 to 3, 4:15 p.m., limit 30 people.

Encourage children to make reading a positive experience by bringing them to the library’s storytimes. Each program contains a mixture of engaging activities and age-appropriate stories that support early literacy. Stop by the information desk immediately prior to each session to pick up free tickets available on a first-come, first-served basis.

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Proteus Bicycles Will Open  
At New Location on Saturday

by Jeff Lemieux

Proteus Bicycles is moving to 9827 Rhode Island Avenue, in the Hollywood Shopping Center in North College Park, opening at the new location on Saturday, December 15.

The new space is the former location of MOM’s Organic Market. Last July, MOM’s moved to a much larger building in the shopping center, the former REI store.

“We’re so excited to move to a larger space, where we will have room for more community events and classes,” said Laurie Lemieux, the shop’s owner. “With the extra room, we’re bringing

two new bike brands, Salsa and Specialized, and we’ll have ample indoor bike parking for customers. Eventually we’d like to bring in a coffee stand in the front, and we’ve been talking with Zeke’s Coffee of D.C. about that. The coffee service will be a 2019 project for us, once the bike shop is up and running.”

Voted the D.C. area’s best bike shop in 2016 and 2017 by the Washington Area Bicyclist Association, Proteus has offered custom-built bikes, top bike brands and professional repair service continuously since 1972.

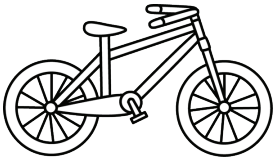


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From left, co-owner Ben Bassett, Manager Paul Lemieux and Laurie Lemieux pose with Hazel the lab.



At left: Proteus Design founders circa 1975. Back row: Larry Dean, Beth Williams, Barry Konig. Front: Steve Schuman, Jim Wilkin



# City Information & Events

MEETINGS FOR DECEMBER 17-21

Wednesday, December 19 COUNCIL WORK SESSION  
w/Franklin Park Management at Community Center, 15  
Crescent Road.

*The schedule is subject to change. For confirmation that  
a meeting is being held call 301-474-8000.*

Notice of Charter Amendment Resolution

At its regular meeting of December 10, 2018, the City Council adopted a resolution to amend the City Charter. As required by state law, this resolution will be posted in its entirety for 40 days, until January 19, at the Municipal Building, as well as on the City’s Web site at [www.greenbeltmd.gov](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov). Copies may also be requested of the City Clerk. It will become effective on January 29, 2019, unless a proper petition to submit the amendment to the voters on a referendum is filed as permitted by law. As also required by state law, this notice is given to provide a fair summary of the resolution.

Charter Amendment Resolution No. 2018-1  
Resolution No. 2069

A Resolution of the City of Greenbelt Adopted Pursuant to the Authority of Article XI-E of the Constitution of Maryland and Section 13 of Article 23A of the Annotated Code of Maryland, (1957 Edition as Amended), Title, “Corporation-Municipal,” Subtitle “Home Rule” to Amend the Charter of the City of Greenbelt Found, in Whole or in Part, in the Compilation of Municipal Charters of Maryland (1983 Edition as Amended), as Prepared by the Department of Legislative Reference Pursuant to Chapter 77 of the Acts of the General Assembly of Maryland of 1983, by Repealing and Reenacting with Amendments Section 16(A), Titled “Appointments” to Expand the Number of Members

Purpose: To amend the City Charter to expand the Board of Elections number of members from five (5) to seven (7).

For additional information, contact Bonita Anderson, City Clerk, at 301-474-3870 or [banderson@greenbeltmd.gov](mailto:banderson@greenbeltmd.gov).

RECREATION AND PARK FACILITIES MASTER PLAN

On November 28th the final draft of the Recreation and Park Facilities Master Plan was presented in a work session to City Council and the Park and Recreation Advisory Board for review and comment. The public is invited to review and make comment on the plan located at [www.greenbeltmd.gov/master-plan](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/master-plan).

The City will accept comments until January 1, 2019. Comments should be sent to Joe McNeal at [jmcneal@greenbeltmd.gov](mailto:jmcneal@greenbeltmd.gov). It is anticipated the final plan will be presented to City Council for final approval and adoption in early 2019.

Visit [www.greenbeltmd.gov](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov)!

VACANCIES ON BOARDS & COMMITTEES

Volunteer to serve on City Council Advisory Groups.

**There are currently vacancies on:** Advisory Committee of Education, Arts Advisory Board, Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability, Senior Citizens Advisory Committee, and Youth Advisory Committee. Info: 301-474-8000

This holiday season, consider making a Charitable  
Donation to City of Greenbelt’s Agency Funds

Consider donating at this time of year to the Agency Funds, which helps our neighbors in need. Agency Funds are managed but not financed by the City. All donations to the funds are used for the listed charitable purposes.

Donation areas include the following:

The Recreation Department: funds used to support camp scholarships and special events.

The Good Samaritan Fund: funds provide for out-of-town persons stranded in Greenbelt and monies for groceries for low income families with whom CARES is working.

Emergency Assistance Fund: funds assist Greenbelt residents at-risk of eviction.

Advisory Committee on Education (ACE): funds initiatives such as ACE scholarships.

The Greenbelt Theater: funds help keep the theater open.

Spay and Neuter Clinic Agency Fund: funds used to purchase supplies and equipment to perform cat and dog neuters.

Checks may be made payable to the City of Greenbelt. Donors may direct their donation toward one or more of the agency funds. Donations are tax deductible and upon request a letter acknowledging your gift will be issued.


Thank you to all residents who have contributed in years past.  
Happy Holidays!

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# Community Foundation Achieves 501(c)(3) Status

by Dorrie Bates

The Greenbelt Community Foundation (GCF) announces an important new phase in its existence. Having operated for years as a field of interest fund under the Greater Washington Community Foundation, an umbrella organization for local community foundations and funds, the GCF is now an independent, tax-exempt, 501(c)(3) organization.

According to GCF Board Chair Carol Shaw, “this new status means that we will have greater flexibility, speed and independence to better serve our community. Our new status will also enable us to more actively grow our endowment to meet the deeper systemic needs of our community.”

GCF was founded 12 years ago by community members who wanted to build on the vision of Greenbelt’s founders. They were committed to a “thriving, engaged community that is socially responsible, environmentally conscious and supports education, the arts and sciences.”

GCF is supported by contri-

butions from Greenbelt resident donors; it has received some funding from state and county entities in the past. The foundation awards 50 percent of available funds for grants each year while investing the remaining 50 percent to build the fund for the future.

Since its beginning, GCF has awarded more than \$220,000 to local organizations and non-profits such as alight dance theater, CHEARS/The Greenbelt Pumpkin Festival, GEMZ – a mentoring and leadership program, MakerSpace and the Lady All-Stars Basketball Tournament.

GCF’s mission is to support worthwhile initiatives by local organizations benefiting the Greenbelt community. GCF has two grant cycles a year; grant awards range from \$500 to \$5,000 and are given to Greenbelt community groups, cooperatives and non-profit organizations. Information about the Foundation, the grant process and application forms can be found at [greenbeltfoundation.net](http://greenbeltfoundation.net).

# CARES to Offer Safe Dates Sessions to Local Teens

by Matt Arbach

A 2015 study by the Centers for Disease Control determined that 21 percent of high school females and 10 percent of high school males reported instances of dating violence. It is because of statistics like these that Greenbelt CARES is offering the Safe Dates program to adolescents in the city.

According to Teresa Smithson, a licensed clinical social worker and clinical supervisor of Greenbelt CARES Youth and Family Services Bureau, the goal is “to educate and empower adolescents to recognize all forms of dating violence and aspects of unhealthy relationships.” Liz Park, Greenbelt CARES director, asserted that “there has always been dating violence. We are more aware of it and working to make teens aware of what makes up a healthy relationship.”

In optimal circumstances, Safe Dates is a 10-session curriculum, but can be condensed if needed into four to six sessions. It was created by the Hazelden Betty Ford Foundation, which was begun in 1949 and is the nation’s largest nonprofit treatment provider. The foundation specializes in addiction treatment, prevention programs and recovery advocacy for families and children.

Each session focuses on a specific aspect of dating and relationships. These include defining caring relationships and dating abuse, motivations for abuse, aid to friends in abusive situations, overcoming gender stereotypes, regulating emotions and communication strategies, and sexual assault prevention.

The program uses a variety of means for instruction including discussions, writing exercises, scenario examples, role-playing and story-telling. A dating abuse play developed by high school drama students is available, which is followed by a small group discussion. Another activity is a poster contest devoted to edifying the themes of the program.

Alongside these approaches, Safe Dates shares updated statistics and facts on the use of technology and dating abuse. It also offers a CD-ROM that provides easily printed handouts, parent resources and an up-to-date edition of Families for Safe Dates, all of which aid in the discussion of healthy relationships and dating abuse, according to Hazelden.

The introduction of Safe Dates to Greenbelt CARES was brought about by an offer of training by Prince George’s County Department of Family Services. Smithson said that it was “immediately evident that this was a pertinent topic to offer.” The daylong training has been disseminated throughout the county. CARES



Safe Dates instructors from left: Charles Yonga, Teresa Smithson, Liz Park and Darren Stephenson

staff received their training in September.

Smithson stressed that the program is a preventative service with a goal of forestalling an unfortunate, even dangerous outcome. Hazelden advocates the conjunction of a drug and alcohol prevention program, as both substances are frequently a catalyst to dating violence.

Safe Dates can be used in a variety of settings: middle and high schools, support groups, counseling education, juvenile diversion and community youth enrichment programs, domestic abuse and crisis centers, and faith-based youth programs.

According to Smithson, the largest hurdle is finding enough interested youth to participate. She said that “10 to 12 students is the minimum to make the group experience viable.” Eleanor

Roosevelt High School expressed interest in a four-session program to be held on Mondays after school. The start date would be the end of January 2019. An advertisement will be sent out after the winter break.

CARES is looking to initiate a program at Springhill Lake Recreation Center and the Greenbelt Youth Center in the winter or spring. Finding sufficient interest in the community will probably be the deciding factor for all these sessions.

Hazelden states, “It’s important to consider how we’re educating youth on the topic of dating violence and sexual assault. Safe Dates is an effective solution, and its interactive format will help students of all backgrounds learn to embrace their voices when it comes to dating violence prevention.”

## Birds of Greenbelt



A female cardinal enjoys the berries at Buddy Attick Park.  
- Photos by Gloria Brown



A male wood duck swims in the Lake.



### Send Holiday Greetings

The News Review will publish holiday greetings in the December 20 issue.





New at Greenbelt Makerspace

### Home School Makers! for 3-5th graders

Tues, Wed, Thurs 9:30-11:30am (starts Jan. 8)

[make125.org/2018/11/home-school-makers](http://make125.org/2018/11/home-school-makers)



PRELIMINARY AGENDA

## GHI BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Thursday, December 20, 2018

GHI ADMINISTRATION BUILDING

A. GHI Special Open Session Meeting – begins at 7.00 p.m.


- Approve Motion to hold an Executive Session Meeting on December 20, 2018

B. GHI Executive Session – begins after the GHI Special Open Session Meeting adjourns

- Approve Minutes of Executive Session Meeting Held on November 15, 2018
- Member Financial Matters
- Proposed MOC Assignment by the Estate of a Former Member

C. GHI Open Session Meeting – begins at 7.45 p.m.

- Expenditure Authorization for the 2019 Operating Budget- 2nd Reading
- Approve Minutes of Special Open Session Meeting held on November 15, 2018
- Approve Minutes of Regular Open Session Meeting held on November 15, 2018
- Finance Committee's Recommendation to Hire a Fee-only Certified Financial Planner to Advise the Investment Committee
- Building Committee Report on Future Replacement of Piping in GHI Homes
- Revision of HIP Member Survey Deadline
- Proposed Purchase of a Vehicle for the Maintenance Department
- Leave of Absence from the Board by Director Kapfer



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Regular Board meetings are open to Members

For more information, visit our website: [www.ghi.coop](http://www.ghi.coop)



# Local Schools Above Average Under State ESSA System

by Matthew Arbach

Greenbelt public schools have fared well in the newly implemented Maryland School Report Card rating system. Part of the State Accountability System and under the aegis of the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), each school is scored on five key indicators: academic achievement, graduation rate, readiness for post-secondary success, progress in achieving English language proficiency and a combined score for school quality and student success. In addition to a number score percentage, the schools receive a star rating, beginning with one star, indicating less than 30 percent of total earned points, to five stars, indicating at least 75 percent of total earned points.

The star ratings for elementary schools were as follows: Greenbelt Elementary, four stars and 62 percent; Springhill Lake Elementary, three stars and 46 percent; and Magnolia Elementary, four stars and 64 percent.

Greenbelt Middle School received three stars and 56 percent.

Eleanor Roosevelt High School received four stars and 66 percent.

Specialty school Dora Kennedy French Immersion scored five stars with 80 percent. Charter school Turning Point Academy scored four stars with 66 percent.

The mission of ESSA is to improve the academic achievement and well-being of each student in order to prepare them for college and career success. It

calls for a partnership of school leaders with family and community members to ascertain and solve any stumbling blocks to that end.

Of the 207 schools in Prince George’s County, 168 schools scored the three highest ratings. Nine schools rated five stars, 75 had four stars, 84 had three stars, one had two stars and three had one star. The schools in the one-star rating are designated as alternative and evening high schools with a focus on non-traditional students completing their high school credits toward graduation.

ESSA is the successor to the No Child Left Behind program and was signed into law by President Obama in 2015. The Report Card rating system is a state initiative and had to be approved by the U.S. Department of Education.

Eleanor Roosevelt High School Principal Reginald McNeill said that the ratings are a useful tool in determining successes and areas for improvement. He said that “while the final score and school rating do not tell the whole story, the data will help us ask questions, make decisions and act.” He went on to say that “by taking a community approach to the mission of educating children, we can strive for excellence, advocate for supports and celebrate our progress. Our best schools can be better and our schools that struggle can reach higher.”

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officers, Bowers also stated the need for a crime analyst. He envisions this as a civilian position requiring a college education in a relevant field. In his prior job their crime analyst once identified a suspect found to be responsible for 46 crimes. City Manager Nicole Ard pointed out that in addition to the wages and benefits cost, the city would also need to purchase appropriate software for the analyst.

Councilmember Rodney Roberts asked Bowers when the city will have the number of officers it needs. Bowers said they are developing strategic goals, which includes reviewing how they are recruiting applicants. His goal is to hire 12 officers this fiscal year (ends June 30, 2019) and 20 over two years. He noted that staffing is a nationwide issue, at times turning into a bidding war.

### Crimes

Bowers stated that violent crime is down in Greenbelt as it is in most of the region. Theft from autos, he said, is the “crime of the day.” These are mostly crimes of opportunity. Thieves will walk down a street or through a parking lot just trying door handles. If one opens,

they will steal whatever they find. He called upon residents to take basic steps such as locking their doors and not leaving purses, laptops, or other valuables in plain sight.

Theft of handicapped placards is harder to prevent. Residents who display the handicap placards should go to the Department of Motor Vehicles to get metal handicapped plates, Bowers suggested.

Theft of packages is also increasing in both the greater region and Greenbelt. Bowers encouraged residents to explore options such as Amazon Lockers, where packages are delivered to a locker instead of a home. The resident can then pick up the package at their convenience. There are Amazon Lockers in the Safeway in Greenway Center as well as other locations in Beltsville, College Park and other nearby places.

Greenbelt resident Ed Fallon noted reports he had seen that showed Greenbelt’s crime rate as higher than most other jurisdictions. Councilmember Judith Davis pointed out that the aggregated crime statistics include data on crimes committed outside the

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partners to help businesses succeed. Charise’s background in business assistance, marketing and environmental programs is a perfect match to help position our community for long-term sustainability.”

In her response to her appointment, Liggins stated, “Greenbelt

is a charming city with a lot to offer. I look forward to deepening engagement with the business community to ensure that they have what is needed to thrive and to support innovative, sustainable growth.” She will start work on December 10.

# Greenbelt Elementary Showcase



PHOTO BY ANDREA WATERS

Greenbelt Elementary School hosts a showcase for the first and second graders on Thursday, December 6, with the students singing.

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housing units built at the South Core with residents who would walk to the station, if there were a way to do so.

### Trail Design

The proposed temporary trail would follow an old construction road, however, which would include crossing a stream and wetlands. Following that path would require a bridge and a boardwalk. The path cannot be a narrow lane: it has to be wide enough to enable its use by maintenance and security vehicles which also means that the bridge and boardwalk need to be built strong enough to support them. A vehicle turn-around would also be needed. For safety, the path will need to be lighted and security monitored.

At the station, the path comes out in the wrong place, which would put the pedestrian crossing the Metro access road at a point unacceptable to WMATA. So, it will be necessary to build a sidewalk paralleling the station road, but leading away from the station for some distance to a point considered to be safe for crossing. At that point, a traffic signal would be needed and then more sidewalk constructed on the other side of the road leading back to the station. Barriers of some kind would be needed to prevent pedestrians from short-cutting across the road. WMATA expects the path builders to bring power to the traffic signal and for other lights from the South Core

and not from the station, thereby requiring extensive installation work by Pepco.

Representing Metro, Rosalind Darvis told council that the first step would be to get a departure from site plan review. Until that was done, engineering work could not be done. It would also be necessary to coordinate work with Pepco.

Darvis was questioned as to why the traffic signal could not be powered from the Pepco property. She said that these were the requirements set forth by WMATA and noted that power needed to be supplied along the pathway as well for lighting and security.

### Budget

Significant budget items are: \$240,000 for a boardwalk and bridge; \$110,000 for traffic signal and other safety features on station property; \$216,000 for electrical service; \$180,000 for lighting; \$337,000 for engineering services; and \$83,000 for WMATA fees.

Davis said that council should send a letter to the WMATA board and contact the city’s Pepco representative to see what could be done to lower costs and to try not to get a “Cadillac Trail.” When asked what WMATA might do, Darvis suggested that council speak to its board member.

Amirpour urged everyone to work together to make it happen. There are still a lot of unanswered questions.

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# Community Solar Groundbreaking



On November 30, Greenbelters (front row from right) Lore Rosenthal, Steve Skolnik, Michael Travis and Michael Hartman attend the Panorama Landfill Community Solar Project groundbreaking ceremony. The four are all subscribers to the project, offered by Neighborhood Sun, which will be fully constructed by early 2019. Behind Michael Hartman is Gary Skulnik, founder and CEO of Neighborhood Sun.

PHOTO BY KEITH SIMPSON AND COURTESY OF NAUTILUS-SOLAR

## The Clarice Hosts Free Nutcracker

Ballet Company M offers a free performance of Tchaikovsky's classic holiday ballet, The Nutcracker, on Sunday, December 16 at 3 p.m. in the Kay Theatre of The Clarice.

With the help of her Nutcracker, Clara will lead the audience to her mother's holiday party, through a beautiful snowstorm and into the magical Land of the Sweets.

## MilkBoy Hosts Ornament Workshop

Drop in and make holiday ornaments at MilkBoy ArtHouse on Sunday, December 16 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

This arts project, facilitated by arts specialist Aaron Springer, is a collaboration between College Park Arts Exchange, MilkBoy ArtHouse and The Clarice. All ages are welcome.

## Montpelier Has Free Holiday Concert

Enjoy a free concert, Handel and Hamilton for the Holidays, on Sunday, December 16 from 4 to 6 p.m. at the Montpelier Arts Center in Laurel.

Holiday music combines with historical narrative to reflect the time period between 1700 and 1800. This concert of holiday music by G.F. Handel and touches of Hollywood will feature two Washington National Opera soloists.

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## Missing Person

The Greenbelt Police Department is seeking assistance locating critical missing person Christal Ariel Steele. According to the police media release, Ms. Steele, age 16, was last seen on Tuesday, December 11. She is described in the media release as being a black female, 5'3" height, 150 pounds weight, with brown eyes and brown hair. She was last seen wearing gray sweat pants, a white sweater, a brown scarf and black and red UGG boots. Greenbelt Police are asking anybody with information to contact Detective Aguilar at 240-542-2137 or by email at [daguilar@greenbeltmd.gov](mailto:daguilar@greenbeltmd.gov)



Christal Ariel Steele

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# Police Blotter

Based on information released by the Greenbelt Police Department, [www.greenbeltmd.gov/police](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/police)  
Dates and times are those when police were first contacted about incidents.

## Reckless Endangerment

December 2, 3:24 a.m., 8000 block Mandan Road. A man sitting in his vehicle heard what he believed to be the sound of two gunshots nearby. He then observed a vehicle described as silver with four doors, operated by a black man with a heavy build and hair in dreadlocks, leave the area at a high rate of speed. The witness then observed another black man wearing a puffy black jacket and black pants running from the area. Two spent cartridges were located on the scene and taken as evidence.

## Possession

December 1, 11:13 p.m., Crescent Road near Ridge Road. Two residents, a 28-year-old man and a 29-year-old woman, were arrested and each charged with possession of a controlled dangerous substance with intent to distribute, possession of a controlled dangerous substance, and other related charges after a traffic stop. Both were transported to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

## Theft

November 29, 2:39 p.m., 9100 block Edmonston Road. A package was taken from the front stoop of a residence.

## Trespass

December 4, 3:39 a.m., 6000 block Greenbelt Road. A 33-year-old nonresident was arrested and

charged with trespass after he was found on the grounds of Beltway Plaza after having been banned from the mall by agents of the property. He was released on citation into the custody of the Department of Corrections for service of an open arrest warrant.

## Vehicle Crime

Two vehicles were stolen. A silver 2002 Dodge Caravan with Va. tags UYM8837 was taken from the 6100 block Breeze-wood Court. A white 4-door 2017 Buick Regal with Md. tags 5CR6749 was taken from the 6000 block Springhill Drive.

Four thefts from vehicles were reported. A handicap placard was taken in the 6200 block Greenbelt Road. Items taken from two possibly unlocked vehicles include a purse, carry bag and medical bag in the 6900 block Greenbelt Road and a cell phone in the 5700 block Greenbelt Metro Drive.

A man walking to his vehicle in the 9100 block Edmonston Court observed a man inside it, who then exited and fled on foot. The owner of the car then discovered the front passenger window was broken out and money had been taken.

Two instances of vandalism were reported. A tire was slashed in the 7500 block Greenway Center Drive and a hole was burned in a car cover in the 7700 block Ora Court.

The Department is offering a reward of up to \$1,000 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of a suspect in any of the unsolved crimes reported in the blotter.

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# Letters continued

**Kudos**  
I want to applaud the Greenbelt News Review for all of the positive changes in the newspaper! From better layout to improved writing and greater diversity coverage, the News Review is on a roll. Keep up the good work!

Linda (Lin) Orrin

**Boy Erased at OGT**  
As we all know, producers must bend reality a bit in order to bring in larger audiences, cover expenses and make a profit. Notably the poster states, Based on a True Life Story, which is not a statement that everything in the movie is true.  
Given that the issue is conversion/reparative therapy for

unwanted same-sex attraction, it becomes critical for parents and others to exhaustively inform themselves on both sides of the issue. For starters, an opposing viewpoint is at MissionAmerica.com. One could also look at pluggedIn.com.  
Said differently, parents and LGBT persons should invest at least 48 hours in balanced exploration of both sides of the issue and make their own decisions. Just 48 hours is not much to invest, considering that there will be anywhere from less than 48 hours to roughly half a million hours of suffering if the wrong decision is made. (The example given is for a 10-year-old living to age 70.)

Bill Norwood

# SOLAR continued from page 1

owning an array – with the PPA as a fallback position that would at least satisfy environmental objectives.  
The store’s reserves in member capital are not sufficient to purchase the roof and array, so the Co-op is examining a number of funding strategies. A leading contender for part of the cost is an Individual Bond Bill from the Maryland State Legislature. Such funds are highly competitive to obtain but do not have to be paid back. They involve careful preparation and preliminary contact with legislators to prepare a compelling case. A small team has already set to work on this approach. Funds from a bond bill must be matched by the applicant, so the second part of this approach means asking members of the community (Co-op members or otherwise) to participate in raising matching funds. This approach will most likely result in a variety of opportunities to help – from donations, to increasing member capital through a variety of alternatives that allow the community to participate by pledging help ahead of time or by offering support in an ongoing way.  
The Co-op considered solar a decade ago and held off. Since then, solar array generating efficiency has increased strikingly, costs are down per unit of power and the degree to which arrays decay in power production over their lifetime is markedly reduced. Today’s arrays are more economical, more durable and more powerful. The Co-op board believes that this is an opportune time to invest.  
The Co-op will announce initiatives in the near future such as requesting pledges of support and offering choices of how members and patrons can participate through upfront contributions and on every visit to the store.



PHOTO BY MICHAEL G. STEWART

Not even a rainy afternoon could dampen the joyous spirits at the College Park Aviation Museum as Santa arrived via Prince George’s County Police helicopter on Saturday, December 1. Chelsea Dorman of the Museum holds the umbrella for Santa.



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Leta Mach stops to enjoy the News Review while on a hike in Saguaro National Park in Tucson.

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# GSFC Robotic Refuel Mission Builds Infrastructure in Space

by Amy Hansen

There is no gas station in space. No place to pull up the spacecraft, refuel and go on toward Mars.

That is for at least another month, when the celestial gas station will open, according to project expert and Greenbelter Susan Breon. And then, the sky, or rather the solar system, is no longer the limit.

“What we’re trying to do has never been done before,” Breon said. “We’re laying a new foundation.”

On December 4, SpaceX launched a Falcon 9 rocket carrying supplies and experiments for the International Space Station. Goddard Space Flight Center’s Robotic Refuel Mission 3 sat snugly in the unpressurized part of the payload. Once it reaches the space station, RRM3, a washing-machine sized system, will be attached to the outside of the space station.

One of the RRM3’s jobs is to show that, theoretically, rockets can refuel in space. For this test run, the team is working with liquid methane.

Breon, who is an expert in super-cold or cryogenic fuels, explained there are two big problems with transferring cryogenic fuels in space. The first is heat.

Space is cold, but even that is relative for cryogenic fuels. A little bit of heat from the sun or electronics can cause the liquid methane to boil. So the team had to design a way to shield the storage tank from heat so the fuel doesn’t just boil off.

The second problem is gravity, or rather the lack thereof.

The space station and other spacecraft aren’t really free of Earth’s gravity. They are actually in free fall around the planet. That is, they are continuously in that moment of the roller coaster when the seat drops away and the passenger rises up. While gravity exists, the people, the machines and the fuel in spacecraft don’t feel it.

So the fuel system cannot work like a water tower, where someone turns on a spigot at the bottom and expects the liquid to come flowing out. Instead, the team had to design a selective pressurizing system. When the rocket is hooked up, the storage tank will be pressurized, causing the liquid fuel to move away from the pressure and into the rocket’s tank. For this prototype system, they are not refueling a real rocket, but rather showing that everything works in space.

Another part of RRM3’s job is servicing satellites. Satellites wear out and would benefit from



Susan Breon poses in front of the Falcon 9 on the December 5 launch date.



RRM3 before launch

maintenance work. And some of the thousands of orbiting systems were designed to be worked on in space, but many were not. NASA has charmingly named these satellites cooperative and uncooperative, depending on their build. The RRM3 has many new tools that should safely open even the most uncooperative satellite.

While RRM3 will be orbiting relatively close to Earth, the goal is to make the system transferrable further out into space. Project

Manager Jill McGuire said she hopes the system can eventually be used by astronauts who are using jetpacks to tour Mars.

For Breon, the exact placement of the RRM3 isn’t the important part. She said RRM3 is like the invention of an elevator. Without the elevator, she explained, there couldn’t have been skyscrapers. “We’re opening up a new capability for all space flight.”

# Greenbelt Recreation Dance Performs Alice in Wonderland

by Melissa Sites

Greenbelt Recreation Dance Performance Club’s annual show, *Alice in Wonderland*, will be performed on Saturday, December 15 at 3 p.m. and Sunday, December 16 at 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. at the Community Center.

Angella Foster, director of the Greenbelt Studio Dance Program, presented a sneak peek behind the scenes video, showing the Community Center’s fabulous costume shop and rehearsals in the dance studio and multipurpose room stage.

Together with Assistant Director Lisa Pellittiere, Foster creates a nurturing and supportive environment along with the senior ensemble, who support the 5- to 7-year-old junior ensemble. In this show there are two little Alices (Keilanni Oliver and Patricia Passie) and a big Alice (Mecca Lartigue), due to Alice’s changing size. Featured roles include Madeleine McComb as the White

Rabbit and Viola Pitts as the Mad Hatter. Senior ensemble members include Mila Shapiro, Victoria McKeown and Ani Arzoumanian, experienced dancers who help mentor and encourage younger dancers.

Some older students are able to produce their own choreography, whereas younger students are given direction in advance. Students explore different types of movement, which helps to develop their characters.

Parents and volunteers spent hours sewing, glue-gunning and spray painting to make the show come together. Foster showed a teacup fascinators hat for the Mad Hatter scene designed by parent and Camp Encore leader Kate Magill.


For more information call 301-397-2208. The sneak peek may be viewed at [youtube.com/watch?v=LhsrJUx2hA0](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LhsrJUx2hA0). All shows are sold out.



Students rehearse for Alice in Wonderland.






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